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SFX: BANG
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YES!!

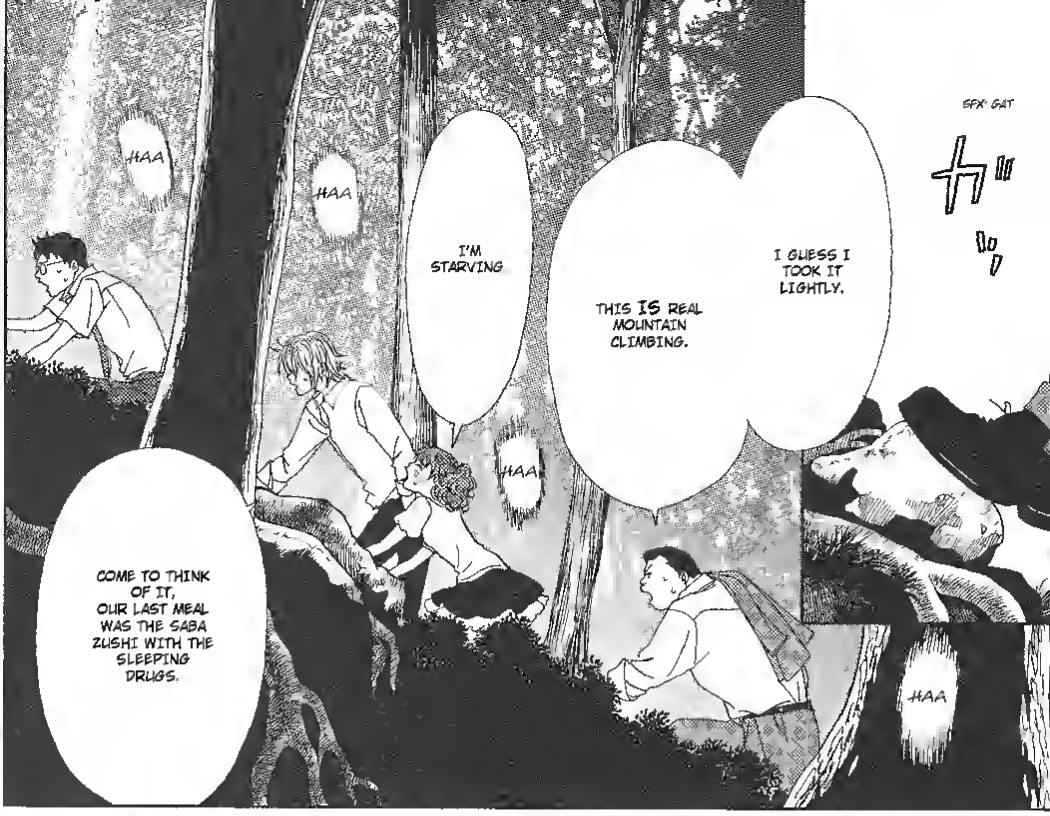
HOLD ON...

SFX: BANG
WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER BY THE CAR. LET'S WALK!

BECAUSE EVERY PERSON ON THE ISLAND IS CHASING US!! THEY ARE ZOMBIES!!
THEY'RE GOING TO EAT US UP!!
WE'RE COPS WHY DO WE HAVE TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
IT LOOKS LIKE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING.
I CAN SEE THEM FOLLOWING US.
IF SO, I THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST TO BE EATEN.
THE ROAD TO THE PORT IS NOW COMPLETELY FILLED WITH THESE PEOPLE.

WHAT?!
THERE ARE SMALL CHILDREN AND ELDERLY IN THE CROWD.
IF WE STRUGGLE AND INJURE THEM, WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE.
HOLY MACKEREL, WHAT IS THAT?! WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DO?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHALL WE BULLDOZE OUR WAY THROUGH TO THE PORT?
I KNOW.
BUT, NO MATTER WHERE WE HIDE, THEY'LL FIND US IT'S A SMALL ISLAND.
PLUS, EVEN IF WE MAKE IT TO THE PORT, THERE IS NO BOAT WAITING FOR US.
SERIOUSLY?
THEY CAN'T ENTER THE SHRINE... IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY ARE TRULY ZOMBIES.
LET'S CLIMB UP THE ROAD THIS WILL LEAD US TO THE TOMURA SHRINE.
THE TOMURA SHRINE IS A SPECIAL SACRED SPOT FOR LOCALS. I AM SURE THAT THEY CANNOT BREAK IN

AH...
GEEZ!!
WHAT?
LET'S HURRY UP AND GO!! TO THE BOUNDARY ZONE! IT'S BETWEEN US AND THE ZOMBIES!!
THE OLD GUY IS LOOKING AT ME THROUGH HIS BINOCULARS.
SHUT UP!
GOSH. THAT'S CREEPY.
WELL, I GUESS WE CAN GO TO THE SHRINE FOR NOW AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.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I'M STARVING
HAA
THIS IS REAL MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.
I GUESS I TOOK IT LIGHTLY.
SFX: GAT
COME TO THINK OF IT, OUR LAST MEAL WAS THE SABA ZUSHI WITH THE SLEEPING DRUGS.
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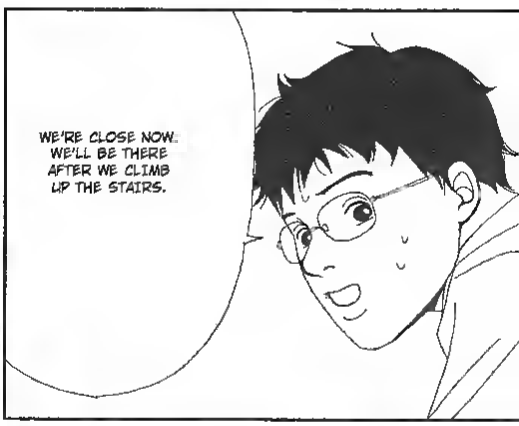
WE'RE CLOSE NOW. WE'LL BE THERE AFTER WE CLIMB UP THE STAIRS.

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YOU SAID THE SHRINE WAS VERY SACRED, SO I THOUGHT... YOU KNOW... THIS PLACE SHOULD BE MORE MAJESTIC...
IT LOOKS LIKE A PLACE AFTER A PARTY.

DOES ANYONE LIVE HERE?
NO. NORMALLY, THERE IS NO ONE HERE.
THE SHINTO PRIEST FOR THIS PLACE IS THE VILLAGE CHIEF. HISTORICALLY, THE HEAD OF THE TOMURA FAMILY ALWAYS SERVED AS A PRIEST.
UH..... WELL, THE FESTIVAL WAS JUST LAST WEEK, SO I DON'T THINK THEY'VE CLEANED UP YET.
N?
ANYWAY, LET'S GO INSIDE AND TAKE A REST.
SFX: PLINK
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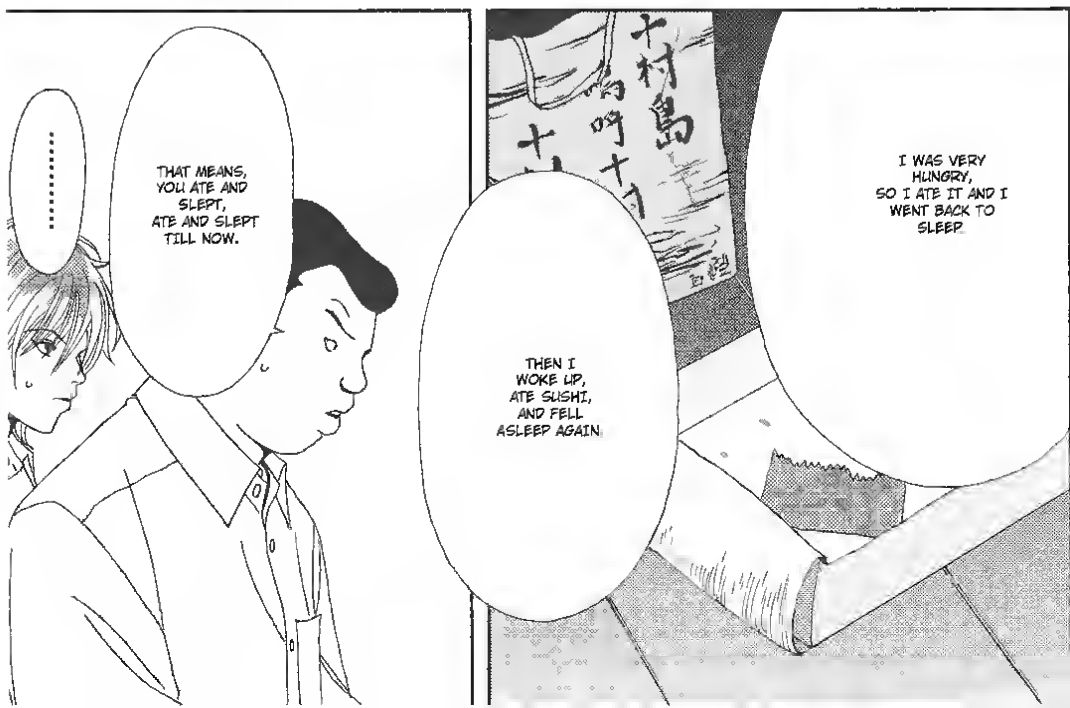
SFX: FUNKA FUNKA FUNKA FUNKA FUNKA FUNKA
SFX: DA
EHH!!
THIS SMELL... HOW COME?!
THAT'S STORAGE FOR THE SHRINE
WHAT? SOMETHING INSIDE?
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR!!
OFFICER HAYASHI IS INSIDE!!

SFX: BA
SFX: GASHI
HAYASHI-KUN!!
SFX: KAA KAA KAA
THAT'S BECAUSE OF THIS!! HE ATE THE SABA ZUSHI WITH THE SLEEPING DRUGS!!
YES, OBVIOUSLY. HE IS JUST SLEEPING.
HE IS ALIVE

I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.
I'M VERY SORRY.

WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS LAYING DOWN RIGHT THERE WITH DRINKS AND THE SABA ZUSHI
THAT NIGHT.....
I HAD SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, SO I WENT OUT, THEN SOMEONE HIT MY HEAD FROM BEHIND.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THAT MEANS, YOU ATE AND SLEPT, ATE AND SLEPT TILL NOW.
THEN I WOKE UP, ATE SUSHI, AND FELL ASLEEP AGAIN.
I WAS VERY HUNGRY, SO I ATE IT AND I WENT BACK TO SLEEP.

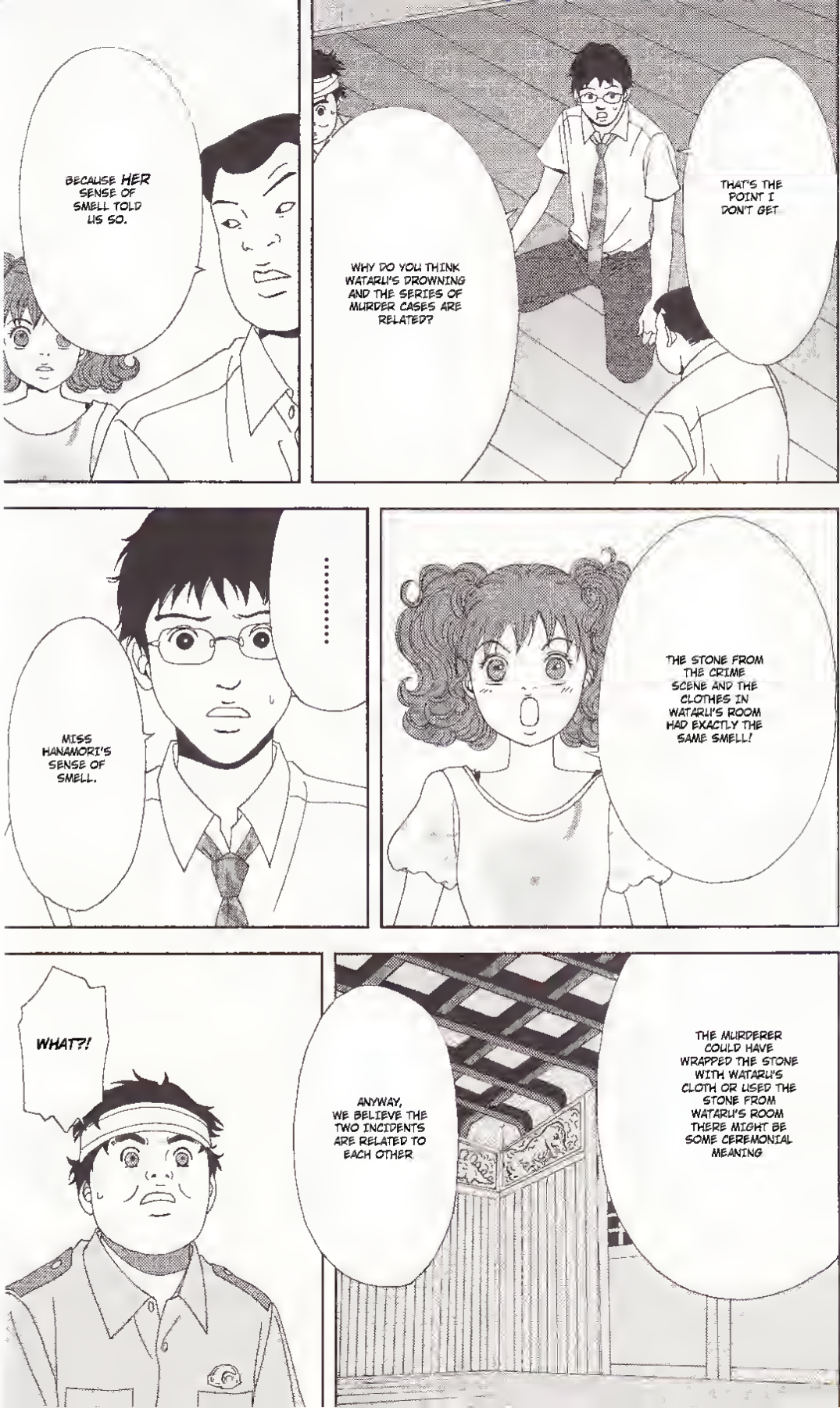
THAT MEANS THE DOC IS ALSO IN CAHOOTS WITH THEM.
THAT'S RIGHT. THE DOCTOR SHOSUKE TOLD US SO.
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL IN SHIRAHAMA CITY TO TREAT YOUR HEAD INJURY.
IT WAS ABOUT THE BUTT SHAPED STONE IN THE PICTURE.
HAYASHI-KUN, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL US THAT NIGHT?
YES.
I OPENED UP PAST RECORDS AND LOOKED UP THE DROWNING INCIDENT FROM 9 YEARS AGO.
THE PLACE IS CALLED NISHI URAHAYA, BUT THE LOCALS CALL IT "KETSU KAIGAN (BUTT SHORE)".
STONES WITH THAT SHAPE ARE EVERYWHERE ON THE WEST SHORE OF THE ISLAND ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE PORT.

THAT'S WHAT WE GUESSED.
OK.
WATARU TOMURA'S BODY WAS FOUND AT THE BUTT SHORE.
LET'S ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE ONCE AGAIN. IT WAS 9 YEARS AGO IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
THREE COLLEGE CLASSMATES, MOCHIZUKI, SUEMATSU, AND SETA WENT ON A TRIP TOGETHER.

THIS YEAR, 9 YEARS LATER, TWO OF THE THREE, MOCHIZUKI AND SUEMATSU WERE MURDERED IN TOKYO AND OSAKA SUCCESSIVELY.
BOTH BODIES WERE HOLDING BUTT SHAPED STONES WITH THE LETTER "弔".

THEN, SEAWEED NAMED "NANCHARA" WAS FOUND ON THE STONE. WE LEARNED THAT THE SEAWEED ONLY INHABITS TOMURA JIMA (TOMURA ISLAND).

PLEASE HOLD ON.
THE DROWNING INCIDENT MIGHT BE RELATED TO THE TWO MURDER CASES.
ON THE OTHER HAND, 9 YEARS AGO AUGUST, WHICH IS THE SAME MONTH AND YEAR AS THEIR TRIP, THE GRANDSON OF THE HEAD OF TOMURA FAMILY DROWNED ON THE ISLAND.


BECAUSE HER SENSE OF SMELL TOLD US SO.
WHY DO YOU THINK WATARU'S DROWNING AND THE SERIES OF MURDER CASES ARE RELATED?
THAT'S THE POINT I DON'T GET
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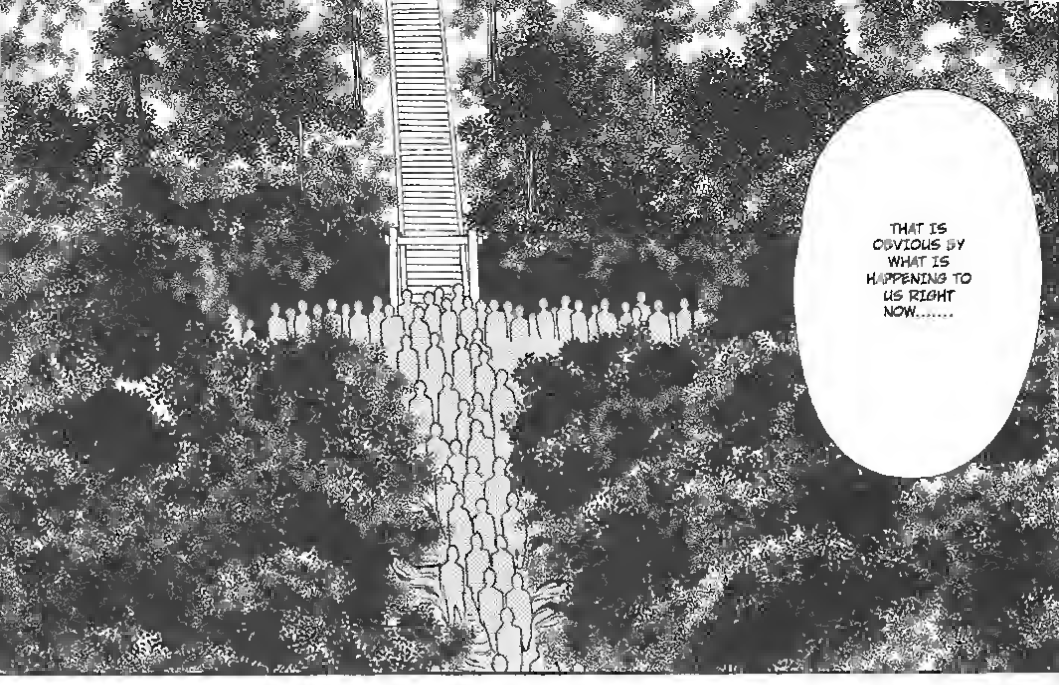
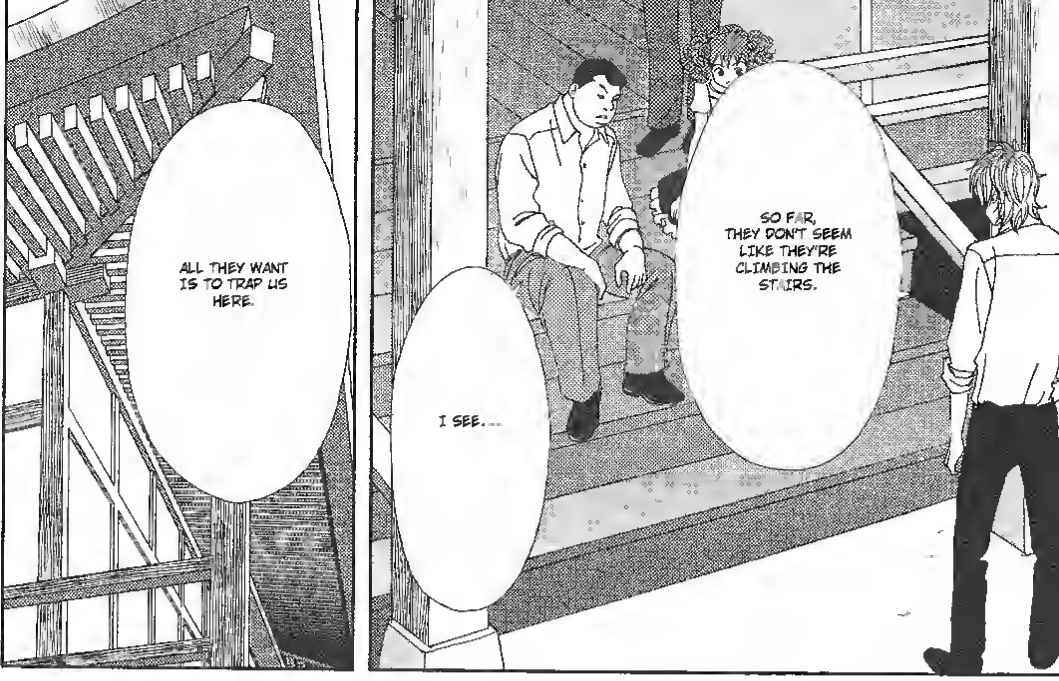
MISS HANAMORI'S SENSE OF SMELL.
THE STONE FROM THE CRIME SCENE AND THE CLOTHES IN WATARU'S ROOM HAD EXACTLY THE SAME SMELL!
WHAT?!
ANYWAY, WE BELIEVE THE TWO INCIDENTS ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER
THE MURDERER COULD HAVE WRAPPED THE STONE WITH WATARU'S CLOTH OR USED THE STONE FROM WATARU'S ROOM THERE MIGHT BE SOME CEREMONIAL MEANING

NEITHER OF THEM IS THE MURDERER IN THE OSAKA CASE, AT LEAST.
THEY HAVE SPECIFIC ALIBIES.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO YOU MEAN...
NO...
THE TWO MURDERS ARE REVENGE FOR WATARU-KUN?!
THEN, DO YOU THINK THE CRIMINAL IS EITHER THE VILLAGE CHIEF OR HIROSHI-SAN?!
THE DAY SUEMATSU WAS KILLED WAS THE SAME DAY WE STAYED AT TOMURA FAMILY'S HOUSE. EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY WAS THERE WITH US.
WHOEVER THE CRIMINAL IS, EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND IS COVERING FOR HIM.
THEN... WHO?!


THAT IS OBVIOUS BY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US RIGHT NOW.....

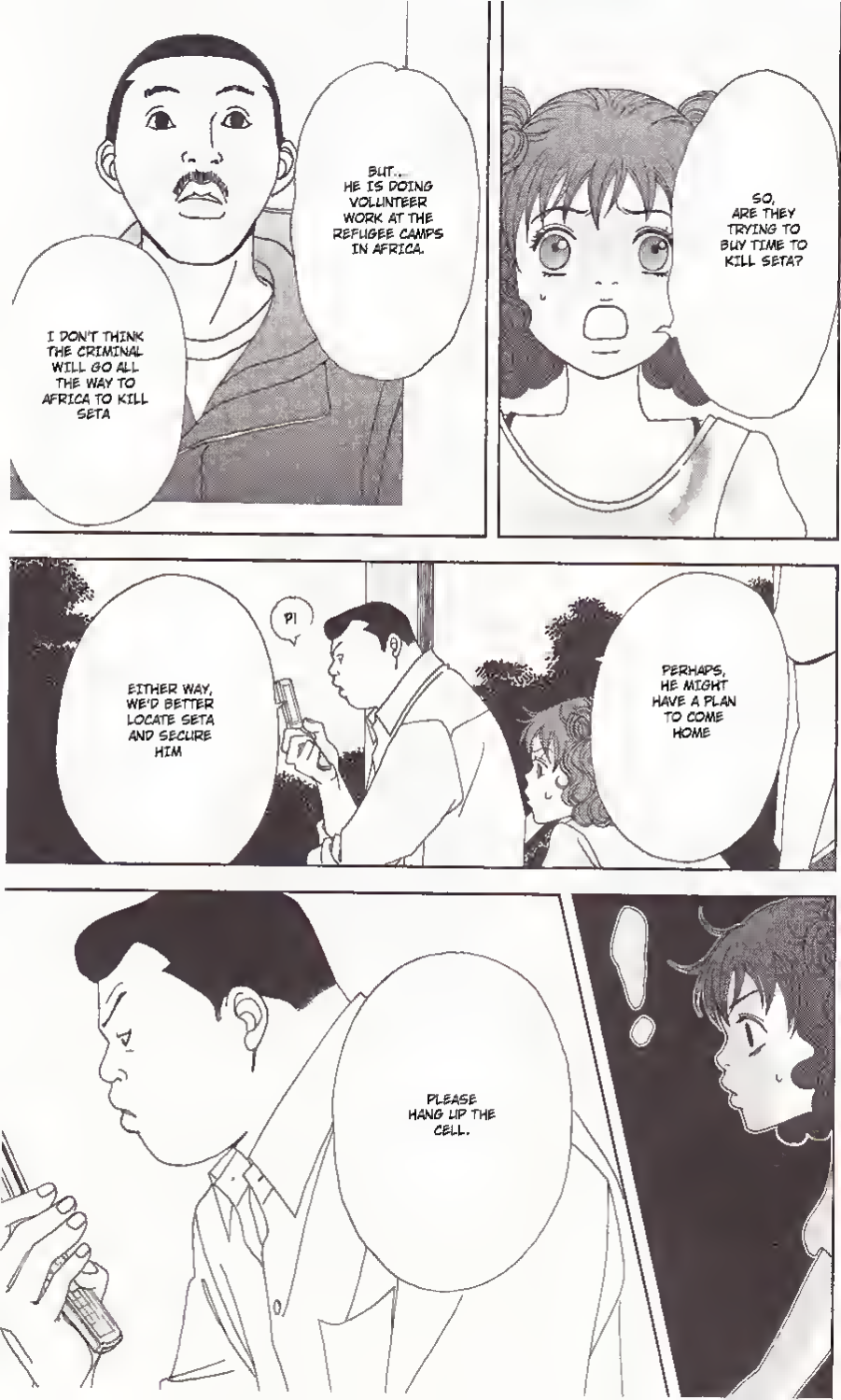
THEY ARE HIKING ONE AFTER ANOTHER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS.
THEY CARRY THE ELDERLY, TOO

GEEZ!!


ALL THEY WANT IS TO TRAP US HERE.
SO FAR, THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE CLIMBING THE STAIRS.
I SEE...

THEY ARE LOCKING US IN HERE AND TRYING TO GAIN TIME
THEY TREATED HAYASHI-KUN'S HEAD INJURY. THEY HIT HIS HEAD, BUT DIDN'T ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM.

THAT'S OF COURSE SO THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR REVENGE.
ONE MORE GUY, HIROMICHI SETA IS STILL ALIVE
GAIN TIME..., FOR WHAT REASON?


I DON'T THINK THE CRIMINAL WILL GO ALL THE WAY TO AFRICA TO KILL SETA
BUT... HE IS DOING VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN AFRICA.
SO, ARE THEY TRYING TO BUY TIME TO KILL SETA?
EITHER WAY, WE'D BETTER LOCATE SETA AND SECURE HIM
PI
PERHAPS, HE MIGHT HAVE A PLAN TO COME HOME
PLEASE HANG UP THE CELL.
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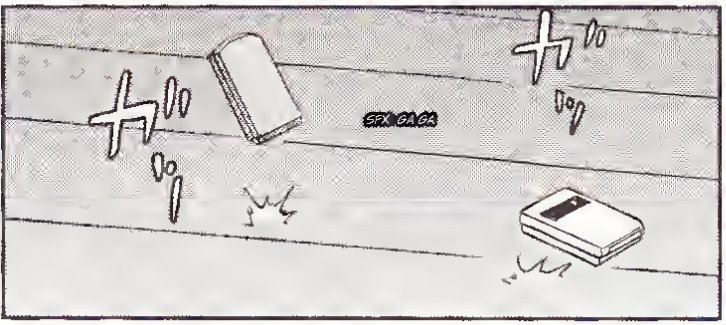
PLEASE HANG UP THE CELL AND THROW THAT TO ME

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TOMURA?!!

JERK...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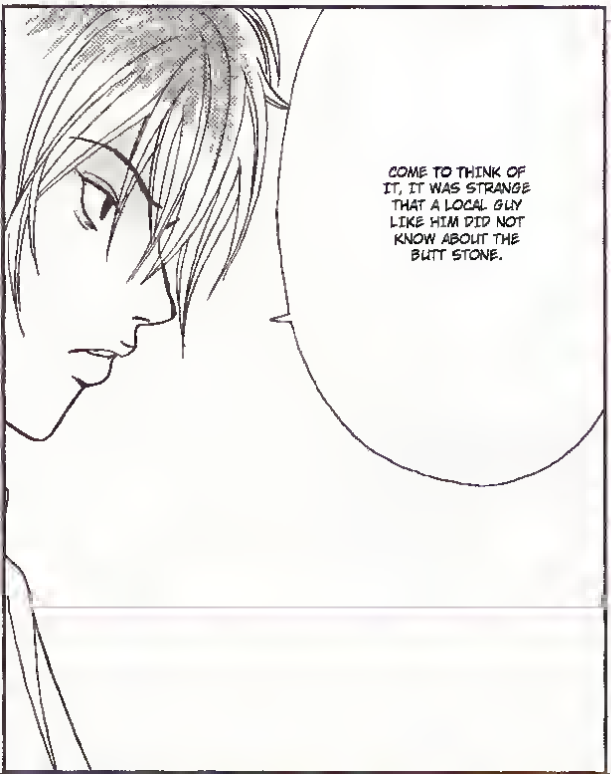
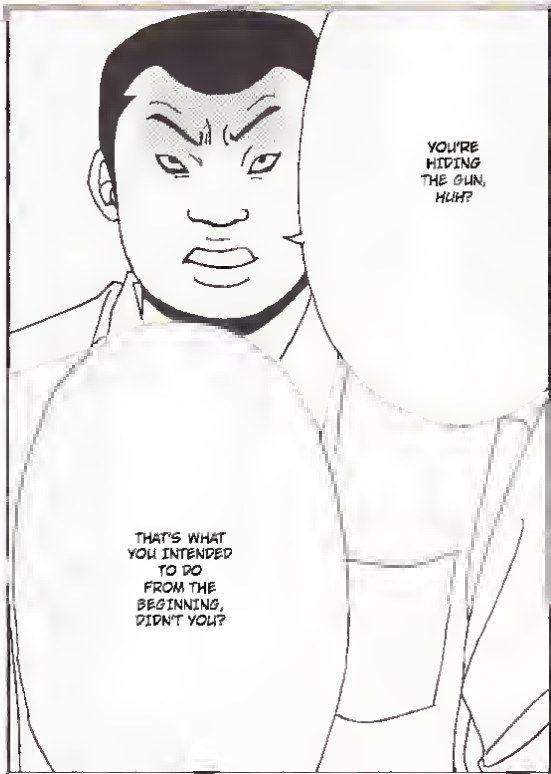
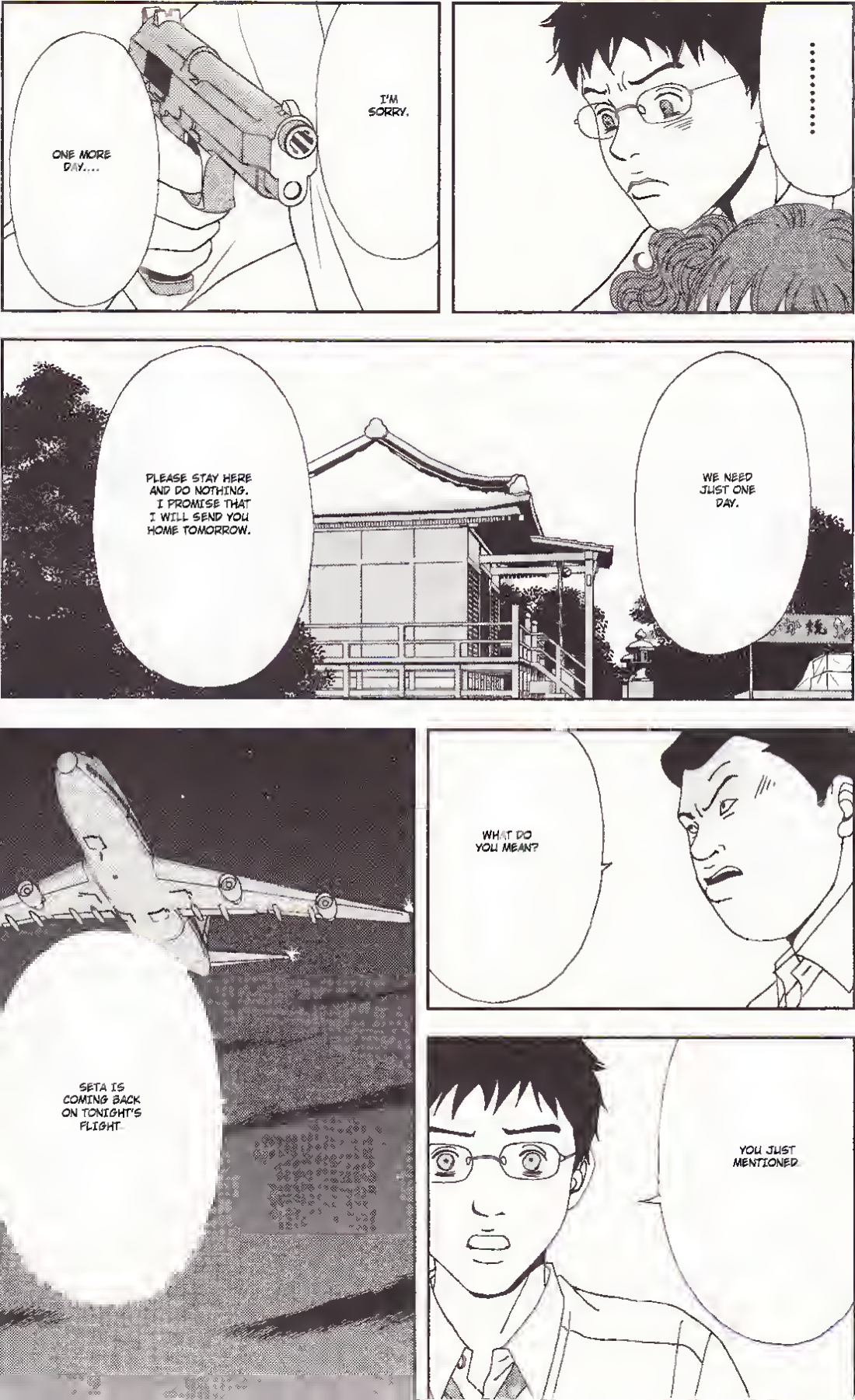
PLEASE DO WHAT I SAY.
MR. KIRISHIMA, YOU DO IT, TOO.


COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WAS STRANGE THAT A LOCAL GUY LIKE HIM DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BUTT STONE.


YOU'RE HIDING THE GUN, HUH?
THAT'S WHAT YOU INTENDED TO DO FROM THE BEGINNING, DIDN'T YOU?


ONE MORE DAY....
I'M SORRY.
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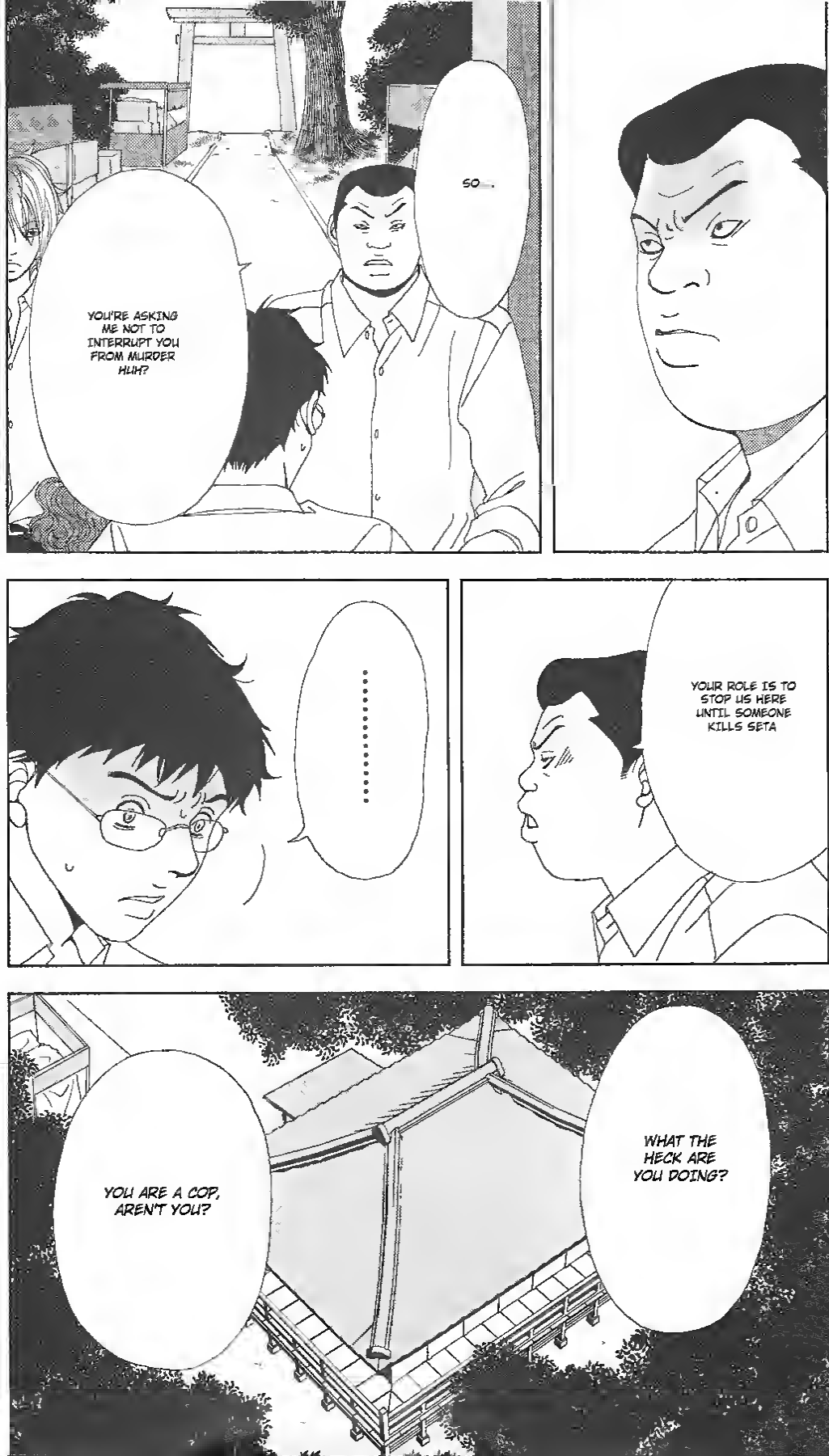
PLEASE STAY HERE AND DO NOTHING. I PROMISE THAT I WILL SEND YOU HOME TOMORROW.
WE NEED JUST ONE DAY.
SETA IS COMING BACK ON TONIGHT'S FLIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU JUST MENTIONED


SO...
YOU'RE ASKING ME NOT TO INTERRUPT YOU FROM MURDER HUH?
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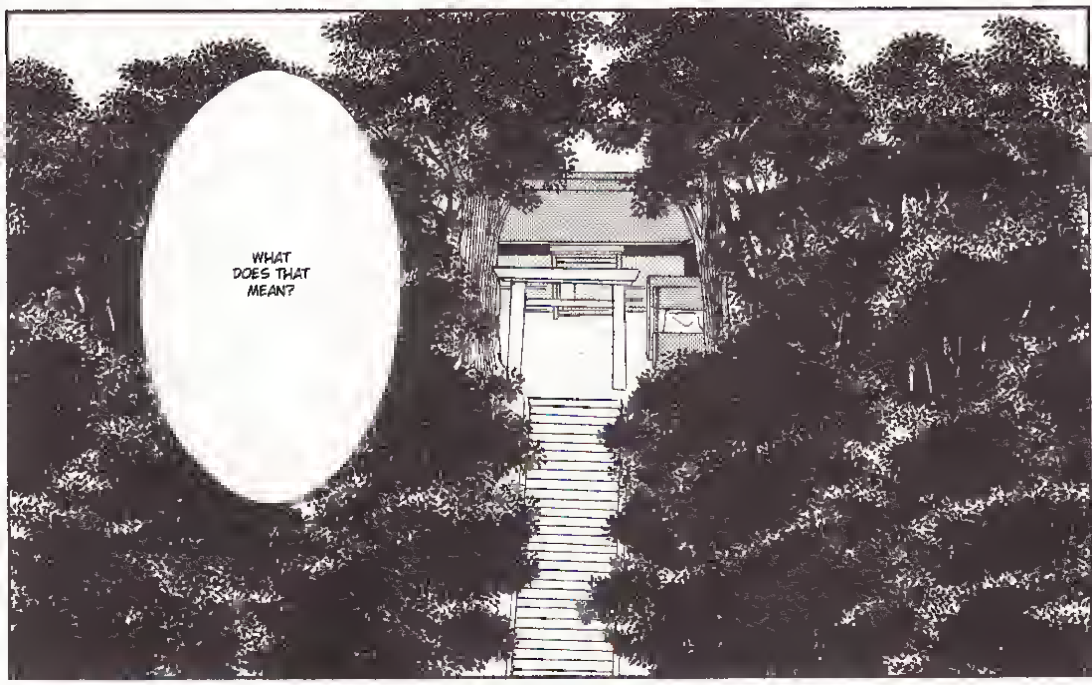
YOUR ROLE IS TO STOP US HERE UNTIL SOMEONE KILLS SETA
YOU ARE A COP, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?

YOU ARE A POLICE OFFICER!!!
BUT...
I CAN'T HELP...
WATARU-KUN DIED BECAUSE OF ME...



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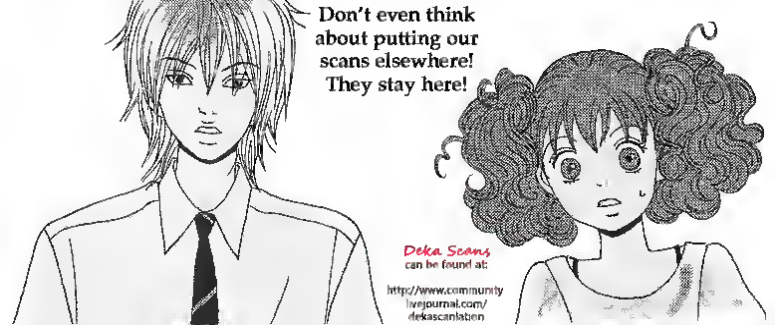
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